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Nuisance Bear Finds A New Home

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In mid-June a small black bear began appearing near cabins in the Duck Creek Village area on Cedar Mountain. The small bear, weighing approximately 75 pounds, was raiding feed left outside for pets and wildlife by local residents. The bear was not causing any damage to property but was becoming increasingly comfortable with human contact. Utah Division of Wildlife Resources biologists and conservation officers worked together to respond to multiple reports of this bear from concerned citizens, over approximately a 5 week period.

Eventually the animal was spotted in a tree by a UDWR biologist in the area. The animal was successfully and safely tranquilized late in the evening on July 10. A health exam showed that the animal was in good condition and a candidate for translocation. The following morning the bear was transported to the Boulder Mountains and released.



Bear Released on Boulders

Doing five simple things will lessen the chance that a black bear visits your campsite this year:

- 1) Keep your campsite clean and don't leave food lying about.
- 2) Securely store food and scented items, such as deodorants and tooth paste, where a bear cannot get them.
- 3) Don't keep food in the same area that you're sleeping.
- 4) If an item has a strong odor, you should probably leave it at home.
- 5) Never feed a bear.

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